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Nineteen Fifty-two

Benson High School

The Tatler

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Benson, North Carolina

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Foreword

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The Fifty-two Seniors of Benson leave with you many wonderful memories of their years in school. May this volume of The Tatler serve as the portal for these memoirs.

Dedication

To

MITCHELL A. NANCE

Athletic Director

During the past years you have struggled through many trials and tribulations, and for these many kindnesses, and your endless eo-operation in trying to strengthen Benson High School in its athletie program, we dedieate to you this volume of The Tatler.

Faculty

Mr. W. J. Barefoot, (U. N. C.)
Social Studies

First row, left to right:

Mrs. Catherine P. Smith, (Guilford College)
A.B. Social Studies, English

Miss Ann Johnson, (W. C. U. N. C.)
A.B. English

Mr. Mitchell Nance, (Wake Forest College)
B.S. Business Administration

Miss Dorothy Hasty, (Furman University)
A.B. Social Studies, History

Second row:

Mr. Bernard Godwin, (Lenoir Rhyne College)
A.B. Science

Mrs. Allean M. Dudley, (East Carolina College)
A.B. Grammar School Education

Mrs. Annalean Johnson, (Meredith College)
A.B. Business Administration

Mr. D. D. Robinson, (State College)
B.S. Agriculture Education

Third row:

Mrs. Lois Lobban, (Meredith College)
A.B. Social Studies, English

Mrs. Dorothy Stephenson, (Salem College)
B.S. Home Economics, Science

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A. B. French, English

Mr. J. F. Hockaday, (Atlantic Christian College)
A.B. Mathematics, Biology

Mrs. Ruth T. Massy (not pictured), (W.C.U.N.C.)
A.B. English

Marian, pupils like you make teaching a joy and have really enjoyed teaching you.
Mrs. Dudley

Lee, Hardee, Langdon, Moore

Class Officers

Howard Moore
President

W. C. Lee
Vice-President

Janice Langdon
Secretary

Vennie Hardee
Treasurer

Flowers—Red Rose

Colors—Blue and White

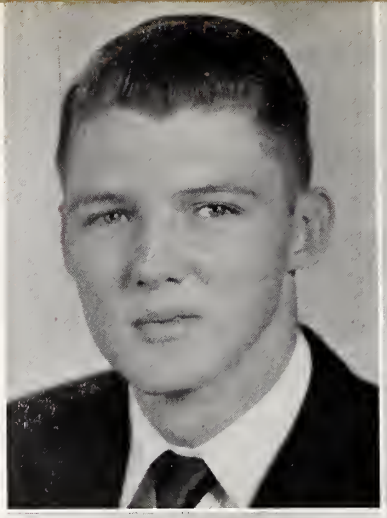
Motto—"What we are tomorrow is what we do today"

Mascots

Anita Abdalla

Tony Woodall

Seniors



DAVID AUMAN

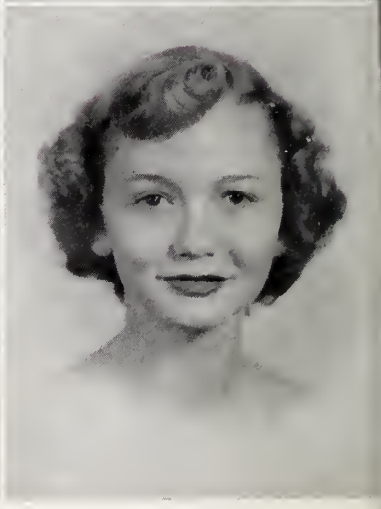
dashing, debonaire

St. David's Academy 1, 2, 3; Class Officer 1; Beta Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3; Class Play 3, 4; Marshal 3; Science Award 1; Citizenship Council 3, vice-president; Wild Life Club 4; Superlative 4; TATLER Staff 4.

LOU JEANIA BARTLETT

nice, very quiet, bashful

4-H Club 1.



BETTY LOU BELL

Lu Lu, cute, drugstore

Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4, Reporter; Waitress Jr.-Sr. Banquet 2; Class Play 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, Reporter 4, Secretary; Football Homecoming Sponsor 3, Queen 4; *Student* Staff 3; TATLER Staff 4; Superlative 4; Marshal 3.

JACKIE BLACKMAN

beautiful, Buick, Robert

Class Officer, Vice-President 1, 2; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Waitress Jr.-Sr. Banquet 2; Beta Club 2, 3, 4, Secretary; Marshal 3; *Student* Staff 3, Assistant Editor; TATLER Staff 4, Assistant Editor; Class Play 4; Cheerleader 4; Superlative 4.

DELLA BRADY

cheerleader, loud, man-hater

Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 4; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4, Chief; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Sponsor 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3, 4; *Student* Staff 3; Waitress Jr.-Sr. Banquet 2; Class Prophet 4.

DORIS CARROLL

talkative, Henry Hawk, no man

Waitress Jr.-Sr. Banquet 2; Intramural Basketball 3; Glee Club 3, 4; Class Play 3, 4; Cheerleader 3, 4; Homecoming Sponsor 4; *Student* Staff 3; Superlative 4; Monogram Club 4; Debating Club 2.

EDITH MAE CLIFTON

reserved, nice, bus driver

Needle Point Club 1; Waitress Jr.-Sr. Banquet 2; Bus Driver's Club 3, 4, Secretary-Treasurer; Student Council 4, Secretary; Class Play 4; *Student* Staff 4; TATLER Staff 4; Superlative 4; Science Club 1.

JEAN CLIFTON

witty, independent, dime store

Debating Club 2; Intramural Basketball 2, 3; Glee Club 3; Class Play 3, 4; Class Poet 4; Class Song 4; Superlative 4; *Student* Staff 3; TATLER Staff 4.

Seniors

BRYAN COATS

be-bop, clothes, go jitterbug

Class Officer 1, President; Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3; Baseball 3, 4; Football 3, 4; Play 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3; Monogram Club 4; Superlative 4.

PEGGY VANN COATS

fair, friendly, Dorothy

Music 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play 1, 4; Dramatic Club 2; F.H.A. 3; 4-H Club.

ROSE MARIE DIXON

friendly, fly boys, happy-go-lucky

Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, Co-Captain 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4, Reporter; Waitress Jr-Sr. Banquet 2; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3, 4; *Student* Staff 3; TATLER Staff 4; Superlative 4.

LILA MAE DORMAN

Skating rink, Fleetwood, Miss Audubon

Coats High School 1, 2; Waitress Jr.-Sr. Banquet 2; F.H.A. 1, 2; 4-H Club 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2, Vice-President 3, 4; Cheerleader 2, 3, Chief; French Award 3; Marshal 3; Beta Club 3, 4; Class Play 4; Last Will 4.

LOIS GODWIN

quiet, Hazel, nice

4-H Club 1, 2; F.H.A. 3; Debating Club 2, 3.

SARA GODWIN

good natured, helpful, full of wit

Debating Club 2; Science Club 2; Glee Club 3; Folk Dancing Club 4; Intramural Basketball 3; Superlative 4.

VERA GODWIN

sweet, sincere, smiling

Science Club 2; Glee Club 3, 4; *Student* Staff 3; Class Play 3; Superlative 4.

WALTER GREGORY

clown, Rochelle, Chevrolet

Debating Club 2; Class Play 3, 4; Wild Life Club 4; Superlative 4.

Seniors

OWEN HALL

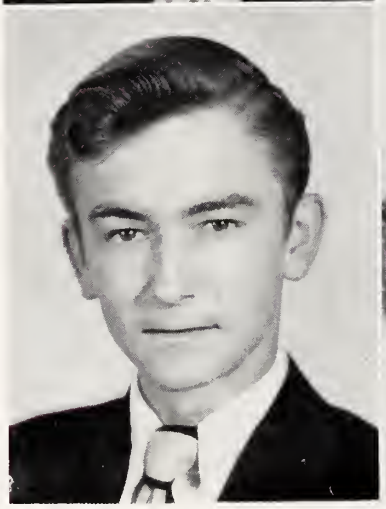
Birchelle, witty, Mrs. Smith

Dramatic Club 3; Class Play 3, 4; Wild Life Club 4; Superlative 4.

VENNIE HARDEE

blond, receipts and money, engaged

Class Officer, Treasurer 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Club 2; Waitress Jr.-Sr. Banquet 2; Superlative 4.



TOMMIE JOHNSON

little but loud, cat, precious

4-H Club 1; Class Play 1, 2; Dramatic Club 2, 3; Superlative 4.

JANICE LANGDON

red hair, dignified, secretary

Needle Point Club 1; Waitress Jr.-Sr. Banquet 2; Beta Club 2, 3, 4, Treasurer; Class Officer 4, Secretary; Class Play 4.

W. C. LEE, JR.

intelligent, earnest, Morris

Debating Club 2, President; *Student* Staff 3; Wooderaft 3; Class Officer 4; Class Play 4; Wild Life Club 4, President.

CHARLES MARLER

Pontiac, LeRoy, hats

Debating Club 2; Dramatic Club 3; Wooderaft 3; Wild Life Club 4, Secretary-Treasurer; Superlative 4.

DOROTHY McCALL

letters, men and more men

4-H Club 1, 4; Glee Club 2, 3; Class Play 1, 2; Superlative 4

JANIE LOU McLAMB

freckles, cute, gonna pick cotton today

Debating Club 2; Dramatic Club 3; Glee Club 4; Class Play 4.

Seniors

JUNE DALE McLAMB

popular, Jack, Sugar Bowl

Glee Club 1, 2, Treasurer 3, 4; Waitress Jr.-Sr. Banquet 2; TATLER Staff 4; Superlative 4.

HOWARD MOORE

Mr. President, Plymouth, Beta Club

Four Oaks High School 1; Debating Club 2; Science Club 2; Beta Club 2, 3, Treasurer 4; Class Officer 3, Vice-President 3, President 4; Marshal 3; Wild Life Club 4; Superlative 4.

BILLY RAY NORRIS

cute as a doll, sorta quiet

Baseball 3, 4; Football 4; Citizenship Council 4, Vice-President; TATLER Staff 4; Superlative 4.

JOYCE PARRISH

likeable, reserved, Jo Ann

Needle Point Club 1; Bus Driver's Club 3, 4.

GRAHAM PLEASANT

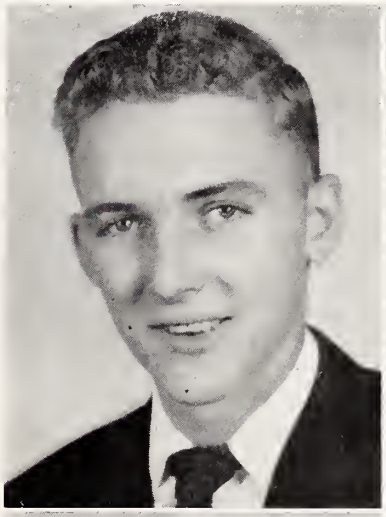
loud, curly, kinda cute

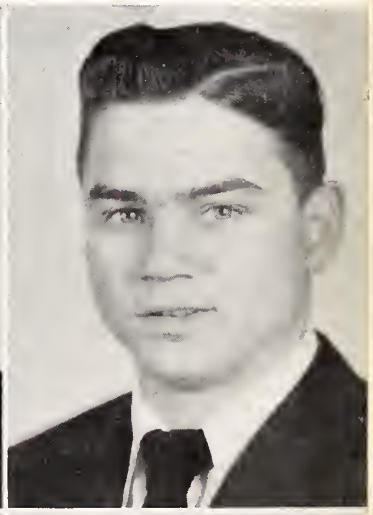
F.F.A. Vice-President 2, 3, 4; Bus Driver's Club 2, 3. President 4; Superlative 4.

JAMES PLEASANT

Air Force, Graham, Ford

F.F.A. 2, 3, 4, Secretary; Bus Driver's Club 3, 4; Superlative 4.





JAMES RAYNOR

F.F.A. 2, 3, 4.

MARY ALICE RYALS

talented, mighty cute, friendly

Miss Benson High School 1; Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, Co-Captain 4; Piano 1, 2, 3, 4; Voice 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Reporter 1, 2; Waitress Jr-Sr. Banquet 2; Beta Club 2, 3; Program Chairman 4, President; Marshal 3; Monogram Club 2, 3, Reporter 4; Class Play 3; *Student* Staff 3, Editor; TATLER Staff 4, Editor; Homecoming Sponsor 3, 4.

Seniors

INEZ SORRELL

nice, crazy, Erwin

Debating Club 2; Dramatic Club 3; Glee Club 4; Superlative 4.

MARGAREE STEWART

scarlet blushes, sweet, studious

4-H Club 1; Dramatic Club 2, 3.

NANCYE SUGG

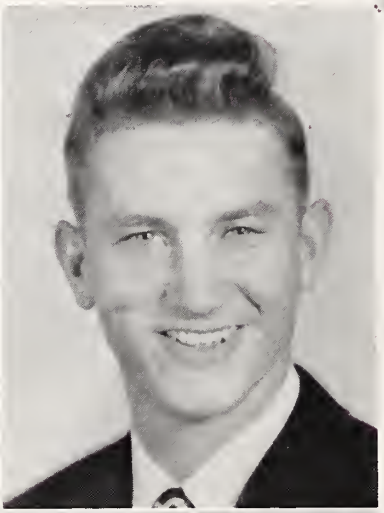
bouncing, boistrous, Rose & Co.

Cheerleader 3; Class Play 4; Homecoming Sponsor 4.

WAYLON WEST

big, brawn, bashful

F.F.A. 2, 3; Wild Life Club 4.



FAYE WOODALL

ring on left hand, wedding bells

Dramatic Club 1, 2; Glee Club 3.

MORRIS WOODALL

brains, talkative, agriculture

4-H Club President 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 2, President 3, Reporter 4, President; Class Play 3, 4; Class Officer 2, President; Bus Driver's Club 3, 4, President; *Student* Staff 3; Tatler Staff 4.

LEROY YOUNG

unpredictable, chubby, happy

Debating Club 2, 3; Wild Life Club 4; Superlative 4.

Senior Snaps

Left to right: 1. Gone Cats; 2. Prettiest yet; 3. Our Christmas Party; 4. Rugged but right; 5. Dem were the good ole days; 6. Who'll be wearing it next week; 7. She's mad again; 8. Our Miss Brooks; 9; Did we have a time; 10. Summertime; 11. All aboard; 12. Concentrating on that love book; 13. Good ole Horace; 14. And they all got loaded; 15. Queen of the mules; 16. Turn around one time; 17. Go crazy; 18. Waiting for the "Shrimp Boats."

Last Will and Testament

County of Johnson
TOWN OF BENSON

We the members of the Senior Class of Benson High School, in this year of 1952, having reached our goal and being of sound mind, declare and publish this our Last Will and Testament, leaving to our faculty, parents, classmates, and our Alma Mater the things we have accumulated during our stay here.

Section I

Item 1. To our parents we leave our sincere thanks for their long enduring understanding and patience.

Item 2. To Benson High School we leave our most pleasant years.

Section II

Item 1. To Mr. Barefoot we leave our orderly and systematic manner in which to "square up."

Item 2. To Miss Phelps we leave a one way ticket to France.

Item 3. To Mrs. Massey we leave a set of library rules.

Item 4. To Mr. Nance we leave a champion basketball team, predicted to beat the Wolfpack.

Item 5. To Mrs. Smith we leave our love—funny books.

Item 6. To Mr. Hockaday we leave a girl seven feet tall and wish him luck.

Item 7. To Mr. Godwin we leave an atom bomb with which to experiment.

Item 8. To the remainder of the faculty we leave a course in Child Psychology.

Section III

Item 1. To the Freshmen we leave the saying, "Oh, you'll get used to it," and hope you won't hear it as much as we did.

Item 2. To the Sophomores we leave the responsibility of making money for the 1953 Junior-Senior banquet and borrowing the rest.

Item 3. To the Juniors we leave our quiet and dignified manner and hope they will be loved.

Section IV

Item 1. To the students:

1. David Auman leaves his gray ford and Belva to Ray Allen.

2. Lou Jeania Barlett would like to leave her friendship with Mr. Godwin to Martin Parker.

3. Betty Bell gladly leaves her ever burning torch to Pat Gregory.

4. Jackie Blackman wants Sue Wheeler Denning to fill the vacancy she leaves at the Princess Theater.

5. Della Brady says Gwen Johnson is to take charge of all her old beaus with the advice, "Never get serious."

6. Doris Carroll, in order to get rid of it, leaves her orange hair to Hixie Johnson and says, "May the bottle do the job."

7. Edith Clifton hopes her position as secretary of the Student Council will be filled by someone like Willie Young.

8. Jean Clifton, better known as the "dime store kid," leaves her job to Sue Sugg.

9. Bryan Coats leaves his Bop style to Harvey Johnson and says, "Go eat."

10. Lila Dorman would like to leave her intellectual mind to Sally Byrd.

11. Rose Marie Dixon leaves that love of basketball to Sylvia Moore.

12. Lois Godwin would like to bestow her quiet ways upon Clara Beasley.

13. Sara Godwin leaves her wit to Faye Surles with the slogan "Laugh and the world laughs with you."

14. Vera Godwin would like to give her sweet disposition to Sara Adams and says, "Make good use of it."

15. Owen Hall wants to bestow the honor of being Senior comedian upon Dewey Mangum.

16. Vennie Hardee decided to give Shelby Coats a little help by leaving her the great talent of being able to flirt.

17. Tommy Johnson thinks Leroy Johnson would like to receive his height.

18. Walter Gregory leaves his love for Sophomore girls to Graham Mosley.

19. Janice Langdon wills her long red hair to Julia Ellis, who needs it.

20. W. C. Lee leaves his love for Four Oaks to Jerry Medlin.

21. Charles Marler leaves his hats to Frank Watson under one condition, that Frank will cut his hair.

22. Nancy Sugg leaves to Patty Denning her string of males.

23. Howard Moore leaves his presidency and promptness to Ray Allen.

24. Dorothy McCall says her trim figure is fine for Thurlean Norris.

25. Janie McLamb leaves her mile-long walk to Rollins Johnson.

26. June Dale McLamb leaves her "weedie" ideas to Catherine Parrish.

27. Joyce Parrish leaves her love of Mrs. Smith to Joan Eason.

28. Graham Pleasant leaves his devoted love for the teacher to Jack Lyles.

29. James Raynor leaves his jokes to Homer Johnson.

30. Mary Alice Ryals leaves "cold nose" and the others to Stacy Miller.

31. Margaree Stewart leaves her aggravating ways to Kenneth Johnson.

32. Billy Norris leaves his moon pies to Robert Smith.

33. Leroy Young wills his nickname "Daddy Rabbit" to A. T. Johnson.

34. Morris Woodall leaves his public speaking ability to Marvin Bryant.

35. Inez Sorrell leaves her "Kool" ways to Shirley Whittington.

36. Waylon West leaves his duck hunting trips to Graham Mosley.

37. Peggy Coats leaves her short hand ability to Hazel Lee.

38. Faye Woodall leaves her "one man" deal to Belle Matthews.

In witness thereof, we, the Class of '52, do hereunto place our seals of this, the nineteenth of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-two.

Witnesses:
Mrs. Catherine P. Smith,
Miss Ann Johnson.

Testator:
Lila Dorman.

Through the Years

We, the Seniors of Benson High School, have reached the point of graduation. We look back reminiscently and almost longingly upon the years of fellowship, studying, working, and playing.

We first became known or recognized in nineteen hundred and forty-nine when we entered high school as puzzled but lively freshmen. We tried for everything: basketball, baseball, cheerleading, and most anything else that came along. We even helped with a few of these. Doing all we could to help, we gave the seniors a wiener roast at Williams' Lake. Yes, we had quite a time.

We really started our Sophomore year off right; we elected Morris Woodall for our president; Jackie Blackman, Vice-President; Jean Clifton, Secretary; and Vennie Hardee, Treasurer. We sold magazines to earn a few extra pennies. The Beta Club tapped their members after mid-term exams and we were very proud when five of our sophomores were among them. We were now beginning to feel like upperclassmen.

At last we had "become a name"—the Junior Class. Fate took a hand and we lost three girls for marriage and our president, Alsie Wheeler, to the Navy. The most important and exciting event for us was the Junior-Senior banquet which to us is one never to be forgotten. We sponsored a play, *Maybe Love*, and Stunt Night, the success of which encouraged us; we really felt like somebodies.

At last! Seniors, the day we all had been waiting for. We moved into our final year with much vigor and determination. Our rings came, and a prouder class you'll never see, for they were the prettiest yet. We knew from past years that our biggest task was producing The Tatler; we worked very hard, for this was our last high school book. Our hearts swelled with pride at the Homecoming Dance when Betty Bell, one of our classmates, was selected by popular vote for Homecoming Queen. In order not to forget school days, we presented *Our Miss Brooks* for our play. There were so many eventful things but these were the important ones.

We'll always remember—participating in sports together, craming for exams, loafing down the halls when we should have been in class, writing themes, pajama parties, ball games, and caps and gowns.

Each of us feels that Benson High School has been a mold for our future, along with a wonderful and never to be forgotten part.

Historian,
Joyce Parrish.

Looking Into the Future

It's Homecoming of 1968. As all the old grads of Benson High School return once more to represent their Alma Mater, we look around the dance floor and see that our old classmates of '52 haven't done badly at all.

The band has started playing the first number, and we stretch our necks eagerly to see who will be the first couple on the floor. Well, it's none other than David Auman and his date. We hear a few whispers here and there and listen more carefully because we would like to know what progress David has made. Someone has just said that he owns a chain of Veneer Plants throughout the South. David is still a bachelor rolling in money, and no longer drives a '40 Ford, but now he has a Cadillac and is always cruising around still trying to find a girl to suit his tastes. He's dancing with Peggy Coates who has really changed in these past years. She is still a rather quiet person and not married yet. She is now typist and general office worker for a local firm and is looking for the right man.

Well, here comes "Cat" Coats jumping like mad. Bryan, a beach bum from way back, spends his summer life at Carolina Beach away from all the "clems" and he chooses Florida life in the winter. He no longer has the policy "if you can go you can date anybody," but is now happily married to a fine little gal from up Raleigh way.

As the music plays softly on and the floor becomes crowded, we begin looking around once more and spot a couple sitting at a dimly lighted table far over in a corner. We take a closer look and find that it is Walter Gregory and his loving wife, Rochelle. They look just as happy as the day they were married, which was five years ago. They have a small son now and naturally he is Walter, Jr.

All of a sudden there is a loud fanfare and in walks the million dollar television comedian, Owen Hall, with his sultry wife, Nancy Sugg, who has taken Tallulah Bankhead's place on the "Big Show."

After the applause dies down and the music starts, we see Tommy Johnson dancing by. That is—we can almost see him. He's dancing with Dorothy McCall and there's a little difference in size. Tommy now owns his own Shoe Shine Shop and dresses like a king. Dorothy is married; she's also a Registered Nurse and is very busy trying to raise a family.

We now see W. C. Lee and his wife. W. C. has now taken over his father's grocery store and has turned it into a Super Market. Making millions.

Charles Marler just walked in. He is dating two girls tonight. He has a construction company now and the girls just love that sweet charm. Pontiacs, too.

The band begins to play the "Star Spangled Banner" and everyone rises with his hand over his heart. (Then to everyones surprise in walks the President of the United States, Howard Moore. Everyone is pleased with Howard in the position of President because he doesn't take cruises down the Potomac, as he gets seasick.)

After the President takes his seat, we see one of his old classmates go over and shake his hand. Why, it's Billy Norris. Billy is quite a star now. He plays pro baseball and has taken Ted Williams' place with the Red Sox.

Well, well, now we see Miss Betty Bell seated on the side lines surrounded by several young men. Betty is now supervisor of nurses in one of the nation's largest hospitals and still has very definite qualifications for the man that she is still looking.

We now see Jackie Blackman (or should we say Smith) entering with her husband Robert. Jackie became a Powers model shortly after she finished High School but gave up her career to marry Benson's wealthiest man.

Graham Pleasant seems to be the center of attraction now. Graham worked so hard at Belk's during Christmas that he made enough money to buy the store. He now owns all the Belk Stores in the South and is making a cool million.

Next we see Della Brady. She is now private secretary to the President of a large firm in Washington. She has won wide recognition as the only secretary who can take dictation at 200 words a minute and sit on the boss's lap all at the same time.

Doris Carroll, now up on the band stand getting ready for her next song, is a famous torch singer and can out shine Lena Horne singing "Can't Help Loving That Man."

James Raynor, whom we see tripping the light fantastic in the middle of the floor, is now a great actor. He was discovered by a talent scout who was looking for a man to play the part of Rudolph Valentino.

There is a lot of commotion in one corner and everybody turns and stares. It's Waylon West who has been with Barnum and Bailey's Circus since his graduation from high school. Everyone gasps as he picks up a table in each hand. I guess you know his job with the circus is the strong man.

Edith Clifton has just entered with her husband.

Edith was such a successful school driver that she now drives a bus in New York City.

We see that Rose Marie Dixon has brought her professional girls basketball team with her tonight. She married that great athlete Jack Lyles and they now have five boys. Enough for a basketball team.

Lila Dorman just walked in briskly. Lila, now dean of women at East Carolina, really makes the co-eds walk the chalk line.

We see a crowd of males standing beside the door and whom do you suppose is in the middle of them? Vennie Hardee. Vennie graduated from college last year and was voted the girl that most fellows would like to be stranded with in a convertible. Remember she was voted biggest flirt in our high school graduation class.

Mary Alice Ryals has really made a name for herself. She is a great opera singer and actress. She is now married to her third millionaire husband and is thinking about opening a tire company.

June Dale McLamb, who is a private children's nurse, has not made much head way. June Dale has always dreamed of being happily married and raising a family but never seemed to find the right man.

Lois Godwin, Inez Sorrell and Lou Jeania Barlett all are dancing with their husbands. Lois married a rancher from Texas; Inez, a tobacco auctioneer; and Lou Jeania hooked a North Carolina Senator.

Vera and Sara Godwin are old maids, which surprises everybody. Shortly after graduation they opened a small dress shop, which grew into the world's fashion center.

Janice Langdon looks like a movie star as she waltzes around with Morris Woodall. Janice is a model for a shampoo company. Her carrott top has brought her fame. Morris is director of the National 4-H Club Members and still just loves to make speeches.

Janie McLamb finally decided that she was getting no where picking cotton, so she went to Wyoming, bought a ranch, and settled down with fifty horses.

LeRoy Young still hasn't learned to dance, but since he has such a large family I guess he hasn't had time. He had a head start on all the other boys.

Jean Clifton is just being escorted in by her husband. Jean is now manager of the largest dime store in New York. Her husband still works for a dairy.

Margaree Stewart looks stately in her WAC uniform. She fell in love with a recruiting officer and now she's in for four years.

Faye Woodall and her fiance, Blandon, have been sitting in the corner talking all evening. Maybe they're finally making wedding plans. After all, they've only been engaged sixteen years.

Joyce Parrish took a job as a waitress in a small Italian Restaurant in New York. Soon she married the owner and now she lives on Italian spaghetti.

Well, the band has started playing "Goodnight Sweetheart" and everyone is leaving. The dance was a big success and so was the class of 1952.

Class Poem

SENIORS HOPE

S-well memories of Benson High
E-ver more dear,
N-ever to be forgotten
I-n our later years;
O-n to the fame and glory of our life
R-esting not a moment;
S-eeking the victory of past years strife.

H-oping to achieve the goal
O-f our High School days;
P-ushing on and upward,
E-very gesture in an honest way.

Class Song

Dear old Benson High School
  We'll remember you forever,
The days of the Golden Rules and
  The years we shared together.

Memories of you will never
  Fade from our mind
A dearer or more precious
  Friendship, we'll never find.

The years have come and they have gone
  Faded into the past,
Our eyes look toward a more
  Adult and difficult task.

The dreams of our
  Ambitions and our hope coming true,
Of graduating High School
  In nineteen fifty-two.

Our Younger Years . . .

1. Doris still looks like a chicken; 2. Coats' Kid; 3. Chief-cheerleader; 4. Carrot-top; 5. Prettiest Girl; 6. That was just the beginning; 7. How 'bout a cat; 8. Our President; 9. She never speaks a word; 10. "Age of Innocence"; 11. Wittiest girl; 12. Student Council Secretary; 13. Basketball Captain; 14. You were a doll, David; 15. Dorothy—before.

Superlatives

Best Looking

Billy Norris Jackie Blackman

Most Athletic

Bryan Coats Rose Dixon

Most Courteous

Charles Marler Dorothy McCall

Superlatives

Wittiest

Owen Hall Sara Godwin

Most Popular

James Pleasant Doris Carroll

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Best Personality

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Best Sport

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Superlatives

Biggest Flirt

June Dale McLamb Tommy Johnson

Cutest

LeRoy Young Vennie Hardee

Most Likely to Succeed

David Auman Vera Godwin

Snaps

1. Refreshment Period; 2. Next victory coming up; 3. Must be great; 4. Usual lunchtime scene! 5. Big team; 6. Cat from way back; 7. Smoke that cigarette, Bernie; 8. They went through it! 9. Working girls; 10. Award; 11. Monogram Club went wild!! 12. Tourists; 13. Disgusted? 14. Goose; 15. Big deals; 16. No loafing; 17. Smoking time; 18. Catch that ball; 19. Sitting pretty; 20. Sugar Bowl.

Junior Class Officers

Jackson, Gregory, Miller, Smith

President.....STACY MILLER

Vice-President.....ROBERT SMITH

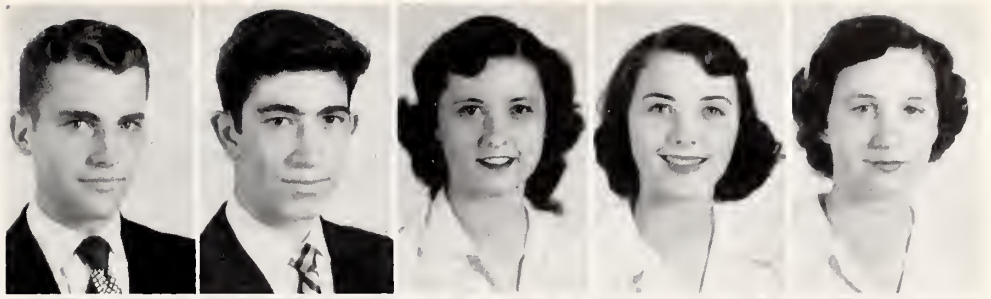
Secretary.....PAT GREGORY

Treasurer.....CHARLES JACKSON

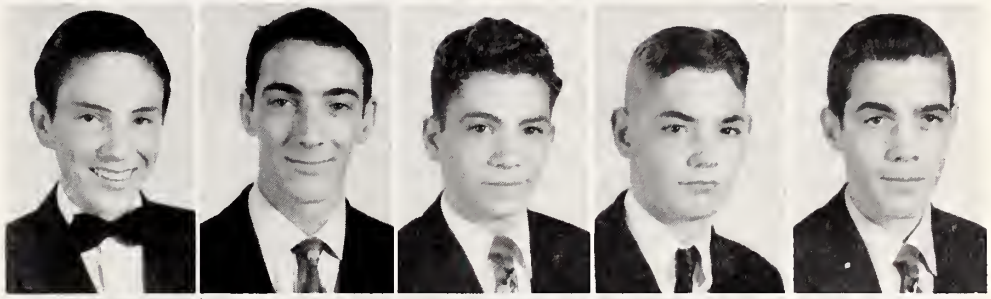
Annie Mae Barefoot, Franklin Batten, Clara Beasley, Sallie Lou Byrd.

Joe Denning, Jo Anne Eason, Patricia Gregory, Golda Hardee.

Junior Class



Charles Jackson, Harvey Johnson, Jr., Hixie Johnson, Gwendolyn Johnson, Janie Mack Johnson.



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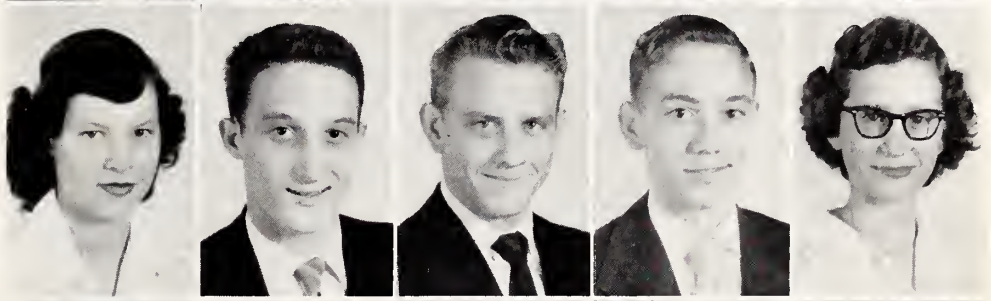
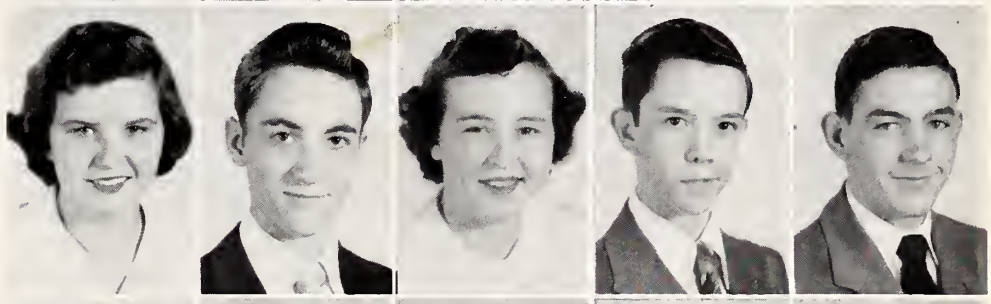


Shirley Langdon, Jack Brown Lyles, Dewey Mangum, Stacy Miller, Grace Moore.



Sylvia Moore, Graham Mosley, Lettie Pearl Neighbours, Kenneth Pritchard, James Rabon.

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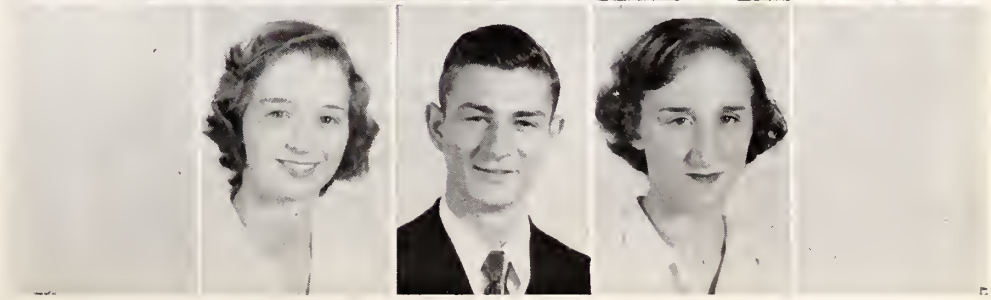


Shirley Whittington, Thurman Whittington, Barbara Woodlief.

Sophomore Class Officers

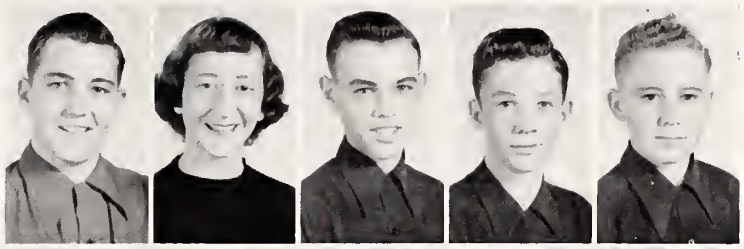
L. Johnson, Price, D. Johnson, H. Johnson, Barbour

President .....Leona Johnson
Vice-President .....Don Johnson
Secretary .....Homer Johnson
Treasurer .....Mannford Price
Reporter .....Maureen Barbour

First row: Sarah Adams, Elizabeth Allen, Rochelle Allen, Shirley Allen, David Barbour, Delores Barbour, Stacy Barbour.
Second row: Maureen Barbour, Lela Pearl Barefoot, James Blackman, Robin Clayton, Kay Clifton, Donald Creech, Linwood Creech.
Third row: Patty Denning, Kenneth Dixon, Julia Ellis, Mary Ann Finch, Norma Hall, Sarah Holland, J. R. Hudson.

To you and yours the best of luck in the future. Love Patty

Sophomore Class



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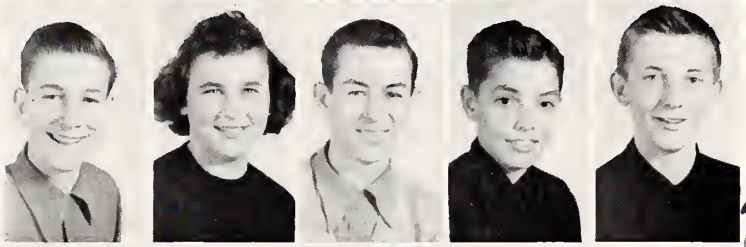
Leona Johnson, Nona Johnson, Hazel Lee, R. C. Lee, Robert Lee.



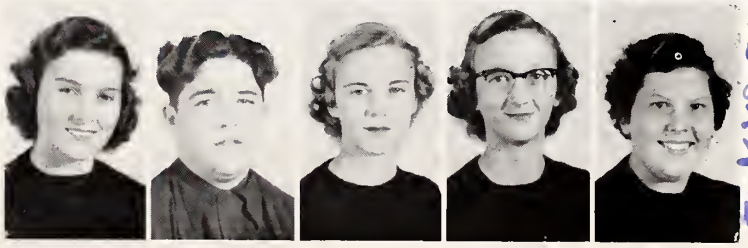
Jerry Miller, Nina Naylor, Jack Nordan, Randy Overby, Martin Parker.

Best wishes and good luck to a very sweet girl and friend. Love Ya! Mavis

Best wishes & good luck to a sweet girl. May your dreams come true. Sorry Catherine

Catherine Parrish, Shirley Penny, Mavis Phillips, Albert Pollard, Mannford Price.

Joyce Smith, Betty Lou Stephenson, Rose Stephenson, Sue Sugg, Betty Lou Surles.



Fay Surles, Franklin Watson, Lunette Whitman, Sarah Whittington, Peggy Wood.

Mavis, I hope you will have as much fun in high school as I have had. Luck to you in the future years.

Freshman Class Officers

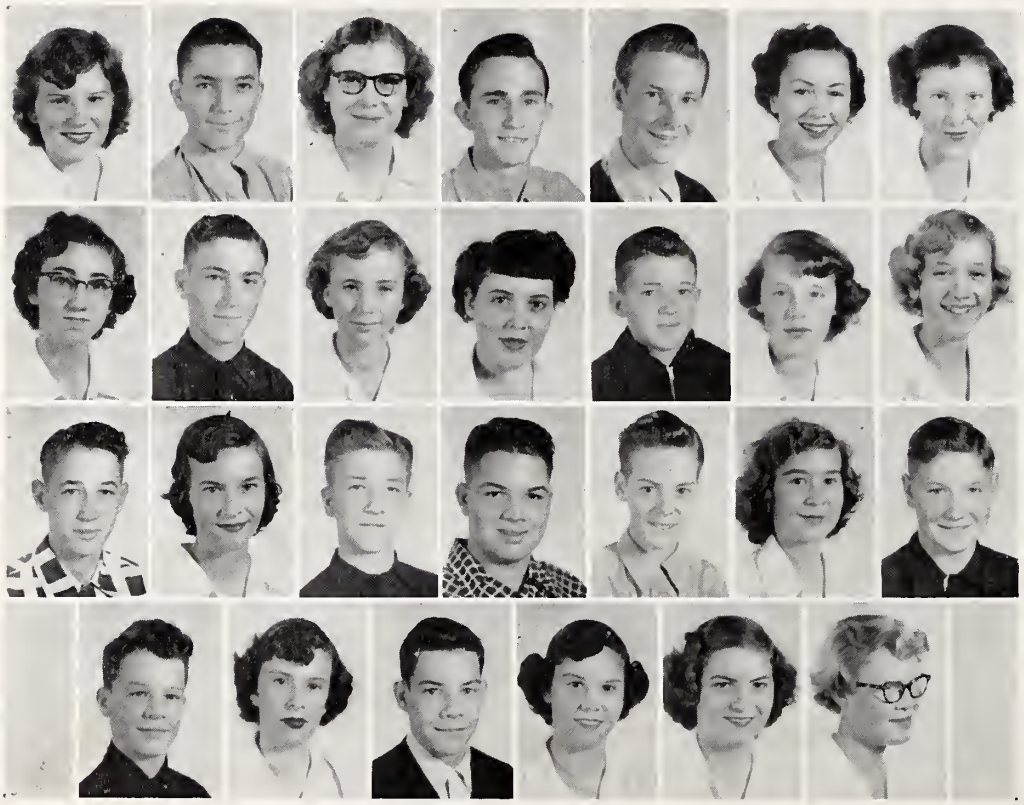
Sue Burgess
President

Theodore Partin
Vice-Preisdent

Katie Gold Lee
Secretary

Barbara Woodall (not pictured)
Treasurer

Burgess, Lee, Partin



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Second row: Margie Capps, Raeford Capps, Sue Denning, Barbara Dorman, Carlos Ennis, Barbetta Godwin, Peggy Godwin.
Third row: Roy Godwin, Norma Hardee, Donald Holland, Glenn Holmes, Howard Jackson, Shelby Jernigan, Allen Ray Johnson.
Fourth row: A. T. Johnson, Florie Johnson, Rollins Johnson, Billie Jones, Evelyn Jones, Ann Langdon.

Freshman Class

Donald Langdon, Lenora Langdon, Wade Langdon, Betty Langley, Katie Gold Lee.

Linda Lee, Rachel Lee, Dorcas Lucas, Frances Mangum, Bell Matthews.

Irene McCall, Bobbie McLamb, Mack McLamb, Ralph McLamb, Betty Mosley.

Joyce Nordan, Don Norris, Elmo Norris, Stacy Norris, Shelby Parker.

Nadine Parker, Dan Parrish, Daphine Parrish, Theodore Partin, Stacy Penny.

Doris Pope, Cornelia Porter, Sylvia Pritchard, Fred Raynor, Marvin Reeves.

Faye Stevens, John Surles, Charles Webb, Patricia Whittington, Jimmy Wiggins.

Nan Wilkerson, Jackie Wood, Barbara Woodall, Linda Faye Woodall, Clara Young.

Best of everything to a nice girl
Wallace

Eighth Grade

Marion, just best of luck forever
Love,
"Honey"

Love
"Sue"

President .....Wallace Parker

Secretary .....Libby Lee

Vice-Pres.....Sue Wheeler Denning

Treasurer.....Harriette Vann

Colors: Blue and Gold

Flower: Red Rose

First row, left to right:

Shelton Hudson, Joe Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Carrie Sue Stephenson, Barbara Coats, Sue Wheeler Denning, Leroy Adams, Don Neighbors, Wallace Parker, Faye Young, Charles Lee.

Second row:

I. B. Tart, Dan Gilbert, Stacy Moore, Vernice Jones, Joyce Staneil, Fay Dean Clayton, Ruth West, Sue Frances Denning, Jimmie Gilstrap, Harriette Vann.

Third row:

Glenn Johnson, Judy McLamb, Betty Lou Grimes, Barbara Whittington, Edna Beasley, Margie Stephenson, Shelby McGee, Bessie Hardee.

Fourth row:

Miss Hasty, teacher; Libbie Jean Lee, Grace Tart, Doris Dunn, Joe Oakley, Rayvon Stephenson, Andrew Benson, Bennie Holland.

Eighth Grade

President ..... Larry Smith

Vice-President ..... Richard Britt

Secretary ..... Marion Jones

Treasurer ..... Kay Frances Lee

Colors: Blue and White

Flower: Violet

First row, left to right:

Stacy Beasley, JoAnne Frye, Martha Phillips, Patsy Godwin, Joyce Anne Hudson, Dixie Clayton, Ray Campbell, Alonzo Parrish, Jr., Robert Barefoot, Eugene Raynor.

Second row:

Marie Young, Sharon Moore, Glenda Norris, Marion Jones, Richard Britt, Elgie Edwards, Anita Morris, Loral Godwin, Sue Stephenson, Mrs. Dudley, teacher.

Third row:

Betty Jean Lee, Doris Beasley, Kay Frances Lee, Charlotte Jones, Effie Jean Williams, Billy Reeves, Jerry Langdon, Shirley Holland, Penny Hardee.

Fourth row:

Bobby Weaver, Herbert Johnson, Roy Coats, Curtis Matthews, Bobby Caudle, Jack Creech, Larry Smith, Gealder Barbour, Gartha Suggs, Loys Raynor.

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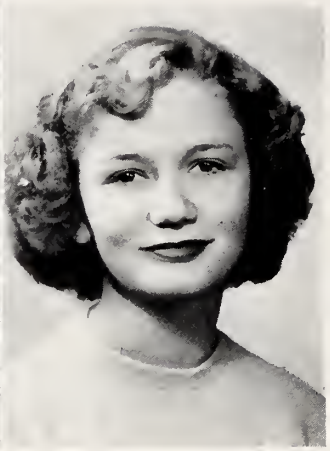

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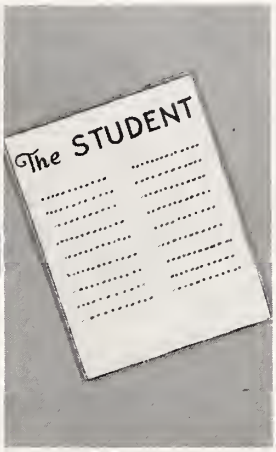

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First row: Ruth West, Lila Dorman, Mary Alice Ryals, Jackie Blackman, Gwen Johnson, Grace Moore.
Second row: David Auman, Janice Langdon, Graham Mosley, Howard Moore, Stacy Miller.

President.....Mary Alice Ryals
Vice President.....David Auman
Secretary.....Jackie Blackman
Treasurer.....Janice Langdon
Sponsor.....Miss Ann Johnson

Citizenship Council

Seated: Mrs. Lobban, Edith Clifton, Ray Allen, Billy Norris, Grace Moore.
Standing: Joyce Smith, Faye Surles, Stacy Barbour, Barbara Woodall.

President .....Ray Allen
Vice-President .....Billy Norris
Secretary .....Edith Clifton
Faculty Advisers...Mrs. Lois Lobban
Mr. D. D. Robinson (Not pictured)

Bus Drivers Club

Front row, left to right: Ken Pritchard, Joe Denning, Morris Woodall, James Pleasant, Joe Penny.
Second row, left to right : Joyce Parrish, Robin Clayton, Ray Allen, Lynwood Creech, Charles Jackson, Edith Clifton.

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President .....Morris Woodall
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Secretary ...Thurman Whittington
Treasurer .....Donald Ray Creech

First row, left to right: James Raynor, James Pleasant, Bobby Langdon, Donald Creech, Morris Woodall, Jessie Cobb, Homer Johnson, Wayne Tart, Robert Lee.
Second row, left to right: Charles Webb, Fred Raynor, Wade Langdon, J. R. Hudson.
Third row, left to right: Albert Pollard, Robert E. Lee, Allen Ray Johnson, Donald Creech, R. C. Lee, Thurman Whittington, Benton Whittington, Lynwood Creech, Roy Stewart, Billy Lambert, D. D. Robinson, sponsor.
Fourth row, left to right: Lynwood Cobb, Joe Denning, John Surles, Theodore Partin, Dan Parrish, Jimmy Wiggins, Stacy Bailey, R. C. Collville, Marvin Reaves, Roy Joe Godwin, Robin Clayton, Dwight Austin, Manford Price.

Glee Club

First row, left to right: Doris Carroll, Sue Burgess, Betty Bell, Linda Lee, Peggy Wood, Doris Adams, Sylvia Pritchard, June Dale McLamb, Nona Ruth Johnson, Gwen Johnson, Lenora Langdon.

Second row, left to right: Janie McLamb, Leona Johnson, Inez Sorrell, Barbetta Godwin, Betty Mosley, Pat Whittington, Belva Johnson, Cornelia Porter, Vera Godwin, Barbara Dorman, Ann Langdon, Frances Mangum, Faye Stevens, Mary Alice Ryals.

Third row, left to right: Della Brady, Jackie Blackman, Rose Marie Dixon, Sarah Adams, Patty Denning, Faye Surles, Sarah Whittington, Julia Ellis, Joyce Smith, Kaye Clifton, Lila Dorman, Barbara Woodlief.

President ..... Gwen Johnson

Vice-President ..... Della Brady

Secretary ..... Pat Gregory

Director .... Mrs. Mary Belle Bostic

Monogram Club

First row, left to right: Wallace Parker, Rose Marie Dixon, Betty Lou Bell, Mary Alice Ryals, Sylvia Moore, Gwendolyn Johnson, A. T. Johnson, Randy Overby.

Second row: Jerry Miller, Robert Smith, Bryan Coats, Della Brady, Stacy Miller, Belva Johnson, Stacy Barbour, Doris Carroll.

Third row: Jack Lyles, Mr. Nance, Bobby Wheeler, Frank Watson. (Not Pictured, J. F. Hockaday, Jr., Patricia Gregory, Martin Parker.)

President ..... Robert Smith

Secretary ..... Betty Lou Bell

Vice-President ..... Bryan Coats

Treasurer ..... Pat Gregory

Faculty Advisers .... Mitchell Nance
J. F. Hockaday, Jr.

Snaps

1. Usual Threesome; 2. Talking things over; 3. Got a joke to tell you! 4. Hold that saddle! 5. At halftime; 6. Cheese; 7. Just love? 8. Looking over the snaps; 9. How sweet; 10. Oh, my! 11. Beauty; 12. Big feet; 13. Straight out of Vogue; 14. Our little Peggy! 15. Bowery boys; 16. Three's a crowd; 17. Waiting for the bell; 18. Swing low! 19. If you can go, you can date anybody.

Cheerleaders

Della Brady, *Chief*

Doris Carroll

Jackie Blackman

Betty Mosley

Go Team — Hey Go!

Girls' Basketball Team

Front row, left to right: Shirley Allen, Sylvia Moore, Rose Marie Dixon, Co-Captain; Mary Alice Ryals, Co-Captain; Gwen Johnson, Betty Lou Bell, Sara Adams.

Second row, left to right: Barbara Woodall, Julia Ellis, Shelby Coats, Belva Johnson, Linda Lee, Barbetta Godwin, Dorcas Lucas.

Mary Alice Ryals, *guard*

Gwen Johnson, *guard*

Pat Gregory, *guard*

Betty Bell, *forward*

Rose Dixon, *forward*

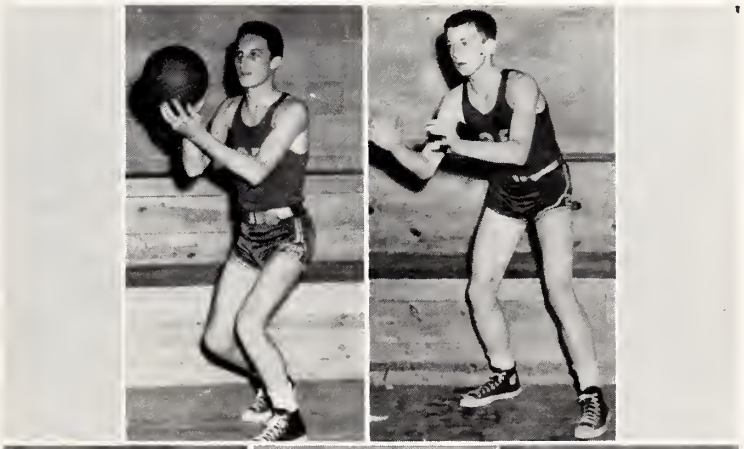
Sylvia Moore, *forward*

Boys' Basketball Team

First row, left to right:
Jerry Medlin, Jack Lyles, Robert Smith, Captain; Stacy Miller, Rollins Johnson.
Second row, left to right:
Don Norris, A. T. Johnson, Leroy Johnson, Theodore Partin, Wallace Parker, Manager.

Jack Lyles, *center*

Martin Parker, *forward*



Stacy Miller, *guard*

Robert Smith, *guard*

Rollins Johnson, *forward*

Homecoming Sponsors

Standing, left to right: Della Brady, Doris Carroll.
Seated, left to right: Mary Alice Ryals, Betty Lou Bell, Nancye Sugg.

At our annual Homecoming football game and dance this year Mary Alice Ryals, Della Brady, Betty Lou Bell, Nancye Sugg, and Doris Carroll were selected by popular vote to be sponsors. After being presented with their escorts at the dance, Betty Lou Bell was crowned Homecoming Queen.

Mary Alice Ryals escorted by Leslie Langston.

Della Brady escorted by Stacy Miller.

Betty Lou Bell escorted by Harvey Johnson.

Nancye Sugg escorted by Percy Wilkins.

Doris Carroll escorted by J. G. Medlin.

Football Team

To my beautiful, sweet and pretty cousin.
A. T.

Robert Smith *left halfback*	Jack Lyles *right halfback*	Graham Mosley *right end*	Bryan Coats *left end*
Kenneth Ivey *left halfback*	Rollins Johnson *quarterback*	Harvey Johnson *right end*	Jerry Medlin *left end*
Bobby Max Wheeler *right end*	Marvin Bryant *left end*	Don Norris *right halfback*	A. T. Johnson *center*

Not pictured: Martin Parker, *center*, Mac McLamb, *quarterback*.

Baseball Team

First row, left to right:
Ova Lee Parker, Stacy Miller, Frank Watson, Jerry Miller, Martin Parker, Stacy Barbour.

Second row, left to right:
Don Johnson, Sandy Sanders, Jack Brown Lyles, Billy Norris, Bryan Coats.

Not pictured: Kenneth Barbour, David Auman, Rollins Johnson, Mac McLamb, Elmo Norris. Mitchell Nanee, Coach.

Bobby Max Wheeler
pitcher

Robert Smith
catcher

Athletic Captains and Coaches

1. Coach Hockaday; 2. Basketball captains—Ryals, Dixon; 3. Coach Nance; 4. Basketball captain—Smith; 5. Sluggers—Norris, Lyles, Coats; 6. Football captains—Smith, Coats.

August 29—Fall term began

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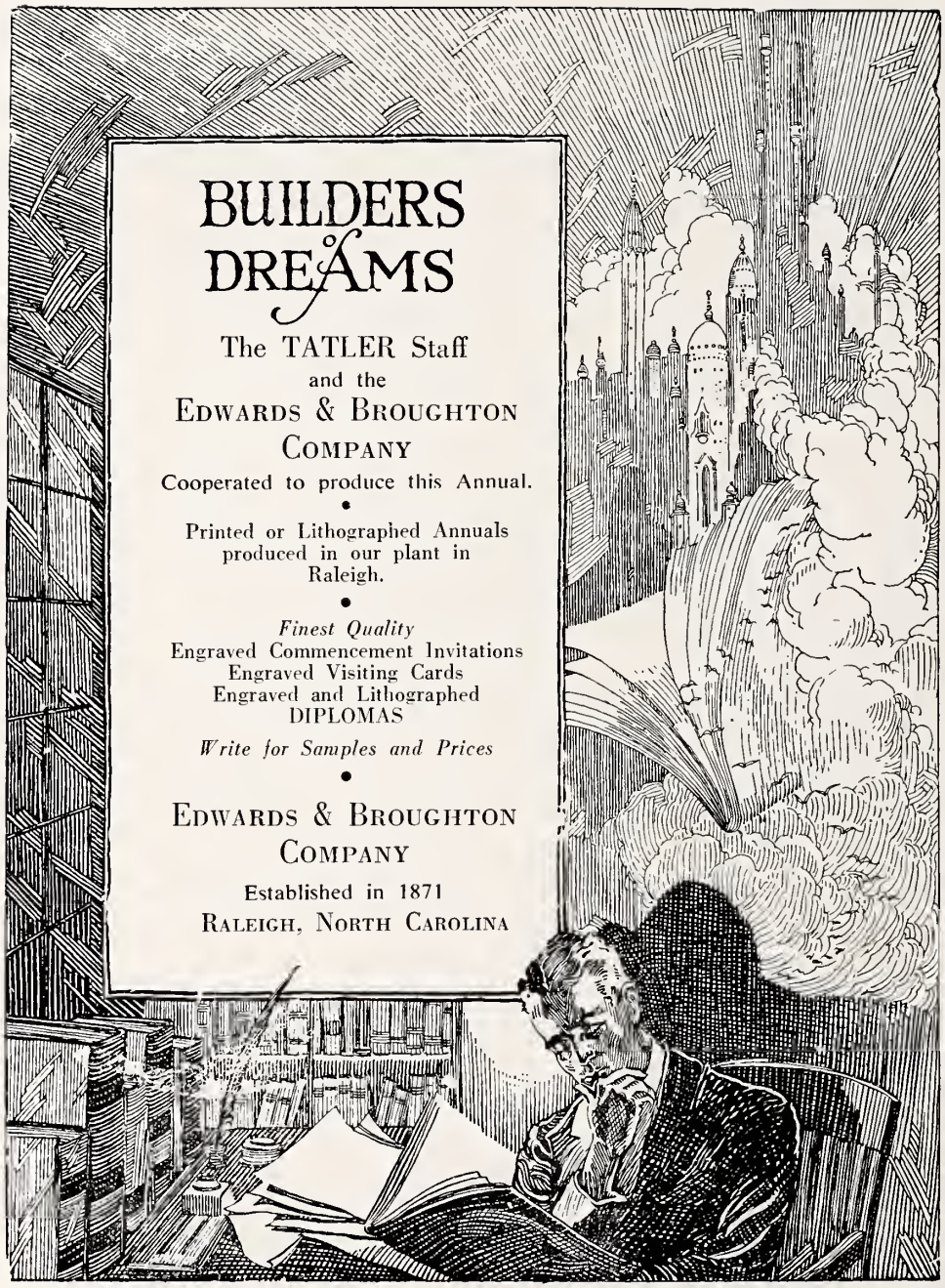
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Marian
Best luck and remember those times we made [redacted] mad!

Love you,
"Sue"

Marian

It has been pleasant having you for a class mate these 8 years in School.

Marian

Roy Campbell

Marian,

I think you are a wonderful classmate and remember the mischief we got into up at the front of the room.
I have enjoyed being to school with you this year.

Anita Morris

Love,
Dixie Clayton

Marian,

It has been a pleasure to be in the room with you this year.

Best of Luck Always
Richard Britt

Marian it has been a pleasure to have you sit behind me and I think you are a wonderful classmate

Love
Charlotte

Robert Burkart
Best of luck

Marian,

I have enjoyed being in the room with you this year and hope I have one next year.

Best of Luck
A friend
Jerry Langston

Best of Luck
Stacy

I have injoyed by in your room Marian.

Best wishes always. Love ye,
Larry Loral

Hope you luck in comeing years.

To one of the sweetest girls
I have ever known Roy A. Iris
Coats.

Love ye,
Patsy

Marian,
I have enjoyed being in your class this year. I wish you the best of luck in life always.
Marie G.

Marian I think you are a wonderful girl and hope we are in the same room again.

Remember me and remember I put it together and remember Best of luck,
Me
Bobby Caudle Kay

Marian,

I think of you as of one of my best friends. I hope we will have as much fun in high school as we've had hard times so far. Best of luck alway. Stay as sweet as you are now and look for the very best things in life.

Love ya Lot,
Glenda

Marian,

You are a very sweet girl and I have enjoyed being in school with you. Stay as sweet as you are now and you will be a great success in life

Reed

My Best of Luck to you thought out the come years.

Martha

Better luck in future for you and it has been nice being with you.

Betty Jean

Alonzo Parish III

Best of Luck to you in your future Marian. You are a wounderful classmate. I like you very much.

Joann

When you get married in live down South Remember me and my big mouth.

Joyce ann

Marian you are a very sweet girl and I have injoy being in your room this yiar. Best of luck for you and the coming years.

Orlette

Marian I hope you ~~and~~ has a happy future, and I have enjoyd having you as a classmate in my room.

Love,
Shirley

Many Happy wishes!

Jack

Marian,

You are a very sweet and cute girl. You are one of my best girlfriends in Benson. Keep up the good work in school and keep being sweet.

Love ya,
Sylvia

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